

Senate Resolution No. 27

Introduced by Senator Runner

Relative to Clean Air Month

WHEREAS, Clean air is vital and important to our health, environment, and economy; and

WHEREAS, Due to longer days and warmer temperatures, the month of May is typically the start of the state's ozone season; and

WHEREAS, Ozone and particle pollution are both linked to the increased risk of lower birth weight in newborns; and

WHEREAS, Certain groups are especially vulnerable to the effects of air pollution, such as infants, older adults, and people with lung diseases, including asthma, cystic fibrosis, and scleroderma; and

WHEREAS, Minorities and lower income groups are often disproportionately affected by air pollution, which puts them at higher risk for illnesses; and

WHEREAS, Particulate matter air pollution, especially fine particles, can be inhaled deeply into the lungs and cause serious damage, including asthma attacks, respiratory illness, lung cancer, heart attacks, strokes, and premature death; and

WHEREAS, According to the American Lung Association's 2015 State of the Air Report, 14 cities in California top the national list of cities most polluted by year-round particle pollution; and

WHEREAS, Clean Air Month is designed to raise public awareness about the need for every Californian to work to reduce air pollution; and

WHEREAS, Clearly there is much still to be done to reduce the burden of air pollution and improve the health of tens of millions of Californians; and

WHEREAS, Increased public awareness efforts during the month of May and throughout the year will promote actions by citizens and businesses that will help keep the air clean; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That May 2015 is declared as Clean Air Month in California; and be it further

Resolved, That Californians are working to help limit the pollutants that impede our state's air quality for the health of all our state's residents and particularly for those at greater risk, including infants, the elderly, and people with lung diseases; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

Senate Resolution No. 27 read and adopted by the Senate May 28, 2015.

Attest: _____
Secretary of the Senate